

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-31 (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) A paint applicator which includes:

an engagement member,

a buoyant peripheral member,

a plurality of flexible arms which extend from the engagement member and which join the peripheral member,

and a plurality of spaced projections on the engagement member adapted to engage a roller moving over the engagement member thereby to cause rotation of the roller, wherein the arms are resiliently deformable to allow limited movement of the engagement member relative to the peripheral member.

33. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the arms are equi-spaced.

34. (cancelled)

35. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the arms extend non-radially from the engagement member.

36. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the engagement member is substantially circular.

37. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is substantially circular.

38. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is made from a plastic material of a cellular nature.

39. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is formed with a plurality of cells which are small to inhibit entrapped air in the cells from escaping if the peripheral ring is tilted relative to a paint surface on which the peripheral member is placed.

40. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the engagement member defines an opening which is sufficiently large to permit insertion of a stirrer into paint with which the paint applicator is used.

41. (currently amended) The paint applicator of claim 32, which includes a ~~radially extending~~ lip to inhibit dunking at least of the peripheral member in paint with which the paint applicator is used.

42. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is formed from a foam material.

43. (currently amended) A paint applicator which includes a buoyant supporting member with a surface which extends, in use, downwardly from a periphery to a central opening, wherein the surface is non-planar.

44. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is made from a foam material.

45. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is made from a plastic material of a cellular nature.

46. (cancelled)

47. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the surface is arcuate.

48. (currently amended) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is dimensioned to engage with end zones of a roller fluid applicator, to rotate [[the]] a roller and to bring [[the]] a roller into contact with paint with which the paint applicator is used.

49. (currently amended) The paint applicator of claim 43, which includes a floor, in covering the central opening, which is formed with a plurality of apertures.

50. (currently amended) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member, ~~in plan~~, has a shape which is rectangular, square or circular.

51. (previously presented) The paint applicator of claim 32, which is buoyant when floated on paint.